



Rulemaking for use of Public Areas of the Capitol Campus

On July 15, 2009, General Administration (GA) published a notice (CR-101 form) in the State Register of our intent to pursue rulemaking to define reasonable time, place, and manner criteria for use of the public areas of the Capitol Campus.

Rulemaking Process

Authorizing use of the public areas of the Capitol Campus, including for events, activities, exhibits and displays, is an appropriate subject of rulemaking under the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34.05). This act requires an open public process for adopting agency rules.

GA will conduct this rulemaking process during this summer and fall, with a goal of having new rules in place before the end of 2009. Target milestones include:

- Preparation and filing of draft rules – mid-August
- Public comment and hearing period – mid-August through September
- Consideration of comments and finalization of rules – October

Background

In December 2008, GA imposed a moratorium on processing new requests for exhibits and displays in the Legislative Building so that we could review our related policies and procedures. This moratorium will remain in effect while we pursue rulemaking.

GA continues to process applications for events and activities on the Capitol Campus under our current policy and procedures. However, we cannot process requests for exhibits and displays in the Legislative Building while the moratorium is in effect.

Areas Affected

The rules are intended to govern areas of the capitol campus buildings and grounds that are generally open to the public, including:

- Building lobbies, entrances, rotundas, and adjoining public hallways
- Exterior steps, walkways, plazas, lawns, and parks

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